

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 7 to 2, an open rule waiving all points of order against consideration of H.R. 2660, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. The rule provides that general debate shall be confined to the bill. Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Regula and Obey.

READY TO TEACH ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Gingrey and Kildee.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote a modified closed rule on H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and

Retention Act of 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution, if offered by Representative George Miller of California or his designee, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for ten minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Boehner and Representatives Wilson of South Carolina, Tierney, DeLauro, and Becerra.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D763)

H.R. 658, to provide for the protection of investors, increase confidence in the capital markets system, and fully implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 by streamlining the hiring process for certain employment positions in the Securities and Exchange Commission. Signed on July 3, 2003. (Public Law 108-44)

S. 1276, to improve the manner in which the Corporation for National and Community Service approves, and records obligations relating to, national service positions. Signed on July 3, 2003. (Public Law 108-45)

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
JULY 9, 2003**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.